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The Story of an Umpire Who Had a Heart

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING INSTALLMENT.

O'Higgins has earned the reputation of being "hard-boiled." He never fraternizes with the players and even after thirteen years of action the players can find no sign of his letting up on them. He is a real "hard-boiled" umpire.

CHAPTER II.

ONE of the men was in-competent and tried to bluff his way through. He failed. Another had not the requisite amount of firmness necessary to handle eighteen high-strung athletes. Both players are like colts; they know by instinct whether the driver knows his business or not. The third man was only passive, and six teams were howling about incompetent umpiring.

Along in June, when the race was stiffening up, Joe Kerrigan, a veteran of long service, went all to smash, and interested parties had no trouble in proving that Joe's eyesight was very, very bad. Joe took his broken heart into the saloon business, and it seemed as if the very devil himself was after the big-league umpiring staff.

It was at this time that Cornelius O'Higgins, in his old derby hat and double-breasted gray travelling suit, put in an appearance at the office of the President of the league.

"Mr. Daly," said O'Higgins, "I've never asked any favors of you."

"Go to it!" said the young President. "What's on your mind?"

"I want to ask you if you can let me take ten days off."

The President leaned back in his swivel chair and roared until he was red in the face. Bellowed down to a thick broth, the extract of his will was to the effect that the league was in the worst shape it had ever been from the standpoint of competing umpiring, and that duty—duty—demanded that Mr. O'Higgins should stay at his post.

"I know that," said O'Higgins earnestly. "But this is important."

"Maybe this league isn't important!" interjected the President. Then he talked facts, and backed them up with figures. The race was close; O'Higgins, as the best umpire in the business, the salve passed without a nod—was scheduled to care for the important games. It was impossible to spare him.

"But if you knew?"

"I know that Kerrigan is out," said the President. "I know that Harding isn't worth his salt; I know that Flanagan hasn't made good; I know that all the towns in the league are howling: 'Umpire! Umpire! Why, man, we can't spare you! You've GOT to stick!'"

O'Higgins did not press the point. He accepted the situation, made no explanation, and went away at last, looking gray and cold.

As President Daly watched his veteran umpire slip through the door, he struck him that O'Higgins had aged since the beginning of the season.

O'Higgins had come to New York to officiate in the series between the New York club and the Reds, both fighting for first place. His assistant would be young Harding, a youngster from a Western league—good on balls and strikes, but lacking the firm hand in a pinch. A great deal depended upon the series between the two clubs, and Daly hoped that Harding would be benefitted by his association with so steady an umpire as O'Higgins.

The day after the opening series, every morning paper in New York called attention to the fact that the home club might have won the game but for some very rotten decisions by the veteran, O'Higgins. He had allowed three of the Reds to walk when it seemed that the New York pitcher had fanned them with bells across the corners of the plate.

One writer contributed a long article, pointing out that Joe Kerrigan had just been dropped because of the infirmities of age, and Joe, so the writer stated, was a babe in arms compared with O'Higgins, the Methuselah of the staff.

Others were inclined to believe that the old man had had an off day, but none attempted to disguise the fact that his umpiring had been very, very bad.

Business took Daly out of town the next day, but he read the accounts of the game in the New York papers, O'Higgins, working on the bases, had made three decisions which the critics agreed were the worst ever seen on the grounds, and the last one had led to a riot. All the papers commented on the fact that, though surrounded by angry ball players, some of whom had laid hands upon him, O'Higgins had ordered nobody from the field. It was openly charged that O'Higgins was going to places on a critical series.

"O'Higgins Loses His Nerve!" said the headlines.

Daly fired a long telegram at his secretary and finished his business as soon as possible, returning to New York in time for the fourth game. The baseball population of New York was in an uproar. O'Higgins, the reliable, the most prominent umpire in the league, had married three games by execrable decisions, and the New Yorkers felt that but for his decisions they might have won all three games, instead of dropping to their rivals.

"Well," said Daly as they say, "how was it? As bad as they say?"

"Worse," was the answer. "If I didn't know O'Higgins for a sober man

Garth Is Well Supplied With New Jumping Horses

Hallavill, Gimme and Musky Most Promising Trio of Steeplechasers.

By Vincent Treanor.

TRAINER HILLY GARTH has the most promising lot of so-called green jumpers seen in many a season. On Tuesday last he sent Musky to the post for his debut through the field and the three-year-old raced like a veteran at the game.

He was beaten only a head by Robert Oliver, which took Sweepstake into camp at Saratoga yesterday. Garth saddled two more new jumpers in the J. S. Cadden colors in Gimme and Hallavill. It was their first appearance over the hedges and both performed in a most satisfactory manner. Hallavill won and Gimme ran third. It is said Musky is the most promising of the trio.

Berrillon, the sire of Hallavill, was a bold fencer himself on the other side of the Atlantic. Gimme did well till the last fence, when he blundered and all but fell. It looks as though there would be a nice lot of young horses to go on with in the jumping races next year. They are sorely needed, as our supply of cross-country horses has dropped away badly this year. New blood must be had constantly in order to keep up the interest.

Jyntee does not race very often, but she wins a lot of her races in a way that makes her a useful player. She is reliable to a degree, and, like most of the Fair Play, is thoroughly at home in any kind of a track. Her full sister, Turnabout, was one of the choicest mares sold last spring, yielding a generous return on the \$1,100 she cost at Belmont Park.

Evidently the war between John E. Madden and J. H. Kouster, which began over the sire Prior Rock, is to be carried to the race track, as the former claimed Sympathy for \$4,000 after the daughter of Prior Rock and Lady Bedford had won the third race. The suit in the case of Prior Rock is pending in the courts, and like the Playfellow suit between Hildreth and Johnson, will help to enliven the winter and give turf followers something to talk about till spring rolls round again.

Since Dunboyne became a member of the Hildreth household he has displayed the sort of speed that characterized his two-year-old form, and as long as he goes in the way he did in the Arvyle Handicap yesterday he is going to keep the best of the sprinters busy. Dimmedale showed

Terrace Wins in the First Round in the Garden.

Knockouts featured the preliminary rounds of the amateur boxing tournament at Madison Square Garden last night. Sid Torrance, a well put-together youngster, representing the Rutgers gymnasium, stopped Leo Lynch, Norwich, Conn., in 1 minute and 45 seconds. The east side boy floored Lynch with a right for a count of four soon after the bell rang. When Torrance floored Lynch for the second time the referee stopped the bout.

One of the best bouts of the night was that between Eddie McLaughlin and Emanuel House of Brooklyn, and Frank Singwald of St. Bartholomew's Club. After three fast rounds the judges failed to reach a decision and ordered another round. The boys fought furiously in the extra session and when it was over Eddie boxed, the referee, gave the verdict to Singwald.

Keatley Medalist of Newspaper Tourney.

With a net medal score of 75-67, W. N. Keatley of The World was the medalist in the qualifying round of the Cooper Cup golf tournament, held under the auspices of the New York Newspaper Golf Club at Van Cortlandt Park yesterday.

Following were the best scores turned in: C. E. Laux, 90-22-88; T. L. Campbell, 81-21-59; F. P. Nowlan, 80-18-60; R. E. Foster, 94-21-70; H. Serine, 80-27-71; D. Hall, 87-18-72; A. R. Roth, 86-18-73; and A. Whiting, 92-16-76.

Members of the Eastern Amateur Association are to meet at their headquarters next Monday afternoon at 4 P. M. to discuss the proposed new team inter-league tournament and the Eastern Individual Championship Tournament.

Bowlers that won prizes in the White Elephant individual bowling championship will receive their awards this evening at the White Elephant Bowling Assn. meeting.

Arrangements have been made for the opening of the 1921-22 season at the White Elephant Bowling Assn. meeting. The 1921-22 season is one of the oldest closed leagues in the city.

Friedman Will Have to Box Mealey Before Leonard.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 27.—Director of Public Safety Cortelyou announced today that he would not issue a permit for a fight between Benny Leonard and Sailor Friedman here next week. Friedman planned to engage with Leonard, but he has fulfilled his contract to fight Johnny Mealey at the Olympia A. A. on Oct. 17.

The Director said that Friedman is under a bona fide contract with Irman Taylor, matchmaker of the Olympia, and this cannot be broken under clause in the rules governing boxing in Philadelphia.

Sharkey and Nable Box a Draw.

Jack Sharkey of the west side and Sammy Nable of the east side fought a furious twelve-round draw at the Broadway Exhibition Club last night. In the semi-final Mickey Nelson won the decision over Young Schane in ten rounds.

Judge Outpoints Murray.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 27.—In the first bout at the opening of the Olympic Club, Martin Judge, the crack local featherweight, by his superior boxing in the last two rounds outpointed Tommy Murray, another local lad, in a six-round bout.

Seaman Scores Easy Victory.

At Paterson, last night, Sol Seaman, an amateur champion, easily defeated Tommy Elm of that city in a bout from start to finish.

Phil Bloom Scores Knockout.

TRIDENT, N. J., Sept. 27.—Phil Bloom, the crack Brooklyn welterweight, topped Wally Hinkel in the fifth round of a scheduled twelve-round bout here last night.

a lot of speed in the early running, but when Sande set Dunboyne down the race was over. His top ears give Dunboyne a rather plain look, but he has a splendid body and knows how to use it in getting over the ground. He is a sister to Embroidery, the best stayer that Colt ever got, but he has never showed a liking for anything beyond sprinting distances. Gladstator is only a relic of the big, fine horse that showed so well at the Belmont Park spring meeting.

The French horse Brumado ran in the fifth race and did not disgrace himself by any means. He is a big, long strider and was bothered some at the turn out of the back stretch. Somebody said that if first money went to the biggest aggregation in the race, Brumado, his trainer, Will Shields, the colored rubber, "Goody," who formerly had charge of Eternal, would win in a walk. Sun-nyland, the winner, is good right now, and barring unlikely antics is a fine looking big Englishman. He and Brumado are both around 17 hands high, but Brumado is the heavier horse. The latter at \$1,100 was one of the bargains of the Macomber sale at Saratoga.

Tom Kerrigan of Sivanoy, paired with R. T. Navelle, and Laurence Ayton of Chicago paired with W. P. Ladd of Rockaway Hunt, tied for second and third places with bestial scores of 71, 72 and 73 respectively, with \$40 for fourth prize.

Practically all the thirty-two contestants who will compete in the first round of the Professional Golf Association championship tournament this morning, Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the National Golf Club, played yesterday. Jack Hutchinson played with Dan Healy of Montclair, but made no return. In Barker, the national champion, was paired with M. Leonard of Pelham and they had a bestial of 73. The Cornishman going round in 74. He made the first nine holes in 35, but got trapped at the 14th coming home, taking 4 there. He also showed a second shot out of bounds at the 16th.

The competitive record for Inwood, made some time since by Tom McNamara, was as follows: In the 12th, where he took 6 after having a short putt for a 3, and at the 16th, where he sliced his second shot and landed his ball out of bounds. Hagen's partner was right there on both occasions, taking at the 12th and 5 at the 16th.

Tom Armour Misses Putt, But Ties for Gold Medal.

Thomas Armour, the Scottish golfer, and John N. Stearns Jr. of the home club tied for the medal in the qualifying round at the medal in the tournament of the Nassau Country Club yesterday, each returning a total of 74. About a hundred contestants took part, and although weather conditions were well-nigh perfect scores leaned to the high side. There were four other golfers able to finish under

Stearns made his 74 in the early hours of the morning, and until late in the afternoon, when Armour came in, the Nassau golfer looked like a winner. Stearns started out like wildfire, making the first nine in 35, three under par, but coming back he missed a number of putts and took 39 for the inward half.

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It was a curious coincidence that both Armour's and Stearns's partners should finish with 76. The Scottish man played with C. E. Van Vleet, now representing Lido, and the last named went out in 34, including a 4 at the fifth hole and came back in 37. Stearns's partner, E. Mortimer Barnes, had 37-38-75, and the President of the Metropolitan Golf Association announced himself as being entirely satisfied with this figure, which represents par.

A number of players who had been expected to finish in the 70's proved a disappointment. For instance, W. L. Hicks, Clifford A. Dunning and Howard Maxwell, all of whom know every blade of grass on the Nassau course, had trouble on the greens, Hicks and Dunning returned 44 each, while Maxwell finished an 87.

Players qualified in four sixteens, the first and second match rounds were scheduled for today. It is more than likely that the deadlock for the qualifying medal between Armour and Stearns will be decided today.

The draw for the first sixteen follows: Armour vs. Will Young vs. Ranney, Mendes vs. Ward, Barnes vs. Couder, Van Vleet vs. Brooks, Thompson vs. Berner, Neary vs. Holland and Stearns vs. Brookaw.

King's Batting Responsible for Pirates' Defeat.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 27.—Philadelphia achieved its first victory in Pittsburgh this season by taking yesterday's game by a score of 2 to 1.

Hubbell was unsteady, passing five men, but lightened up on the man in blue. King's batting was responsible for the Pirates' run, scoring the first man with a single, and then laying on his double to left and Pador's single. Marvyn's single, his steal to second and Robertson's hit accounted for the Pirates' run.

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HAGEN GOLDSTEIN HAVE BEST BALL OF 69 AT INWOOD CLUB

Western Open Champion Wins \$175 in All in Professional-Amateur Fourball Match.

In the amateur-professional fourball match at the Inwood Club yesterday, Walter Hagen, Western open champion, and his partner, R. T. Goldstein of the home club, returned a best-ball of 69. This not only won the main prize for the Rochester homestead, but also captured for him the \$25 special award for the best individual score, his card reading 71. That made \$175 in all, as Inwood put up \$150 for the leading professional.

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With the Football Teams

INDIANA FOOTBALL TEAM READY FOR HARVARD GAME.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Sept. 27.—The Indiana University football eleven, which will make its first invasion of the East when it plays Harvard at Cambridge Oct. 8, is now undergoing the most intensive training ever seen on Indian Field in preparation for the fray.

Spurred on by the realization that the Hoover team now has its first chance to break into the limelight of Eastern football, Coach Ewald G. Steinhilber is bending to the task of whipping his gridders into shape, and it is a herculean task. Western Conference rules, which prevent the coach from taking charge of his team until Sept. 15, deprived Steinhilber of the opportunity of giving his proteges anything like the amount of practice needed to perfect a machine which can meet the Crimson on even terms.

Added to this handicap is the fact that Steinhilber's eleven in years past have always been addicted to slow starts.

With the exception of four regular players who graduated, Coach Steinhilber has first string veterans for every position on his team. Riley, tackle, Mumby, guard, Pierce, center, and Mathys, quarterback, will have their shoes filled by men who sub tuted in many games last year and who are well fitted for carrying through a grueling schedule. France, who is taking Riley's place at tackle, is a husky lad from the mining district of Southern Indiana who gained his experience in navy service. Cox, another utility lineman, is fairly experienced, heavy and aggressive and looks fully capable of plugging up the gap at guard.

Brothers at Both Ends ON BOWDOIN ELEVEN.

BRUNSWICK, Me., Sept. 27.—Opponents of the Bowdoin College football team this fall probably will conclude that they are opposed by the fastest and ever or that they are seeing a double Bowdoin. The team, which is made up of players who played the opposing flanks of its eleven. They are Charles Hildreth and Horace Hildreth of Gardiner, Me., and they look so much alike that Coach Fred Osterberg has been unable so far to tell them apart. An opposing runner starting for one end of the Bowdoin

line to find an end cutting in on him who turns to the other flank for escape will be perplexed to find apparently the same man awaiting him. A Hildreth has been in nearly every play in practice, but whether one or both of the brothers is very good this coach has not been able to decide to date.

U. S. INFANTRY SCHOOL TO PLAY ATLANTIC FLEET.

COLUMBUS, Ga., Sept. 27.—A little army-navy football game preliminary to the annual classic between West Point and Annapolis in New York Saturday, Nov. 25, has been arranged between the teams of the United States Infantry School here and Atlantic fleet for Saturday, Nov. 19, at New York. The Polo Grounds, Columbia University Stadium and Ebbets Field are being considered for the game.

NAVY REGULARS ON THE INJURED LIST.

ANNAPOILIS, Md., Sept. 27.—A number of the regulars were kept out of football practice yesterday afternoon at the Naval Academy by minor injuries. The list of casualties, all with minor hurts however, included Koehler and Rawlings, backs; Titus and Taylor, ends and Frawley, guard.

"Old Timers" Are Ready for Mathewson Game.

Harry F. Sinclair sent in his check for \$500 for a box at the Mathewson testimonial game next Friday, yesterday morning. John A. Heidler, President of the National League, also made a personal subscription of \$250.

Arthur Devlin, manager of the "Old Timers" team, made up of players who played with and against "Matty," announced this line-up yesterday:

Pitchers: Joe McGinniff, Amos Rusche, George Wilkie, George Ellis, Caster, Roger Bresnahan and Jack Warner. First base: Fred Tenney; second base: Phil Galt; shortstop: Bill Duhon; third base: Arthur Devlin; left field: Joe Kelley; centre field: Harry McCormick; right field: "Red" Jack Murray. Utility infielder: Hans Lobert. Utility outfielder: Jess Burkett.

All these players have replied to personal letters and will be on hand. The sale of seats and boxes is now going on at the club offices and at the Polo Grounds. The regular league game of the day will be with the Boston Braves.

Mike McTigue Has No Trouble Outpointing Gus Platts at Dyckman Oval.

Great Britain won only one of the four international bouts against American boxers at Dyckman Oval last night.

Mike McTigue, the fighting Irishman, gave Gus Platts, the English middleweight, quite a lashing in the main event, that went twelve rounds. One Thunney, an A. E. F. favorite, defeated Harold Crossley, another British subject, in a bout which was curtailed to seven rounds, while Frankie Jerome, a protégé of Billy Jason, won a decision over Johnny Brown of England in ten rounds.

The lone British victor was Sid Butler, a lightweight. Butler gained the judges' decision over Tommy Goodwin, a west side lad, in the opening bout of six rounds. The Englishman could punch with both hands and in the second round he floored Goodwin for a count of nine. He also scored knockdowns in the third and fourth rounds.

The baseball park was almost crowded when the first of the international bouts, which were held by the Academy A. C., was put on. McTigue got quite a hand from his countrymen when he stepped into the squared circle for his bout with Platts. Michael was inches taller than his English rival, although a half pound lighter. The weights were announced as Platts 159½ pounds and McTigue an even 159.

Platts was endowed with plenty of aggressiveness and carried the fight to McTigue from the start. The Irishman, however, displayed plenty of footwork, was far the cleverer of the two and got in many a good short jolt to the face and body that shook up Platts. In the fourth round McTigue closed Platts's eyes with a right hand swing.

One round was almost the same as the other. Platts did the rubbing and forcing and McTigue the hitting. McTigue, however, was not able to land a decisive blow and Platts was fighting hard when the final bell rang. McTigue was loudly cheered when the decision was announced.

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